

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7875–S7944*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1368–1372, and S. Res. 186–191. **Page S7909**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 864, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to modify provisions relating to nuclear safety and security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–98)

S. 865, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to reauthorize the Price-Anderson provisions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–99)

S. 858, to reauthorize Nuclear Regulatory Commission user fees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–100) **Page S7909**

#### Measures Passed:

**National Weekend of Prayer:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 186, affirming the importance of a national weekend of prayer for the victims of genocide and crimes against humanity in Darfur, Sudan, and expressing the sense of the Senate that July 15 through July 17, 2005, should be designated as a national weekend of prayer and reflection for the people of Darfur. **Pages S7924–25**

**Senate Chamber Photograph:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 187, authorizing the taking of video images in the Chamber of the United States Senate. **Page S7925**

**Senate Legal Representation:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 188, to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of LaFreniere v. Congress of the United States. **Page S7925**

**Congratulating Michael Campbell:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 189, congratulating Michael Campbell for his victory in the U.S. Open golf tournament and celebrating the relationship between the United States and New Zealand. **Page S7925**

**Mesa Verde National Park Anniversary:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 190, recognizing the 100th anniversary of Mesa Verde National Park. **Pages S7925–26**

**Parole Commission Extension:** Senate passed S. 1368, to extend the existence of the Parole Commission. **Page S7926**

**Alice R. Brunsich Post Office Building:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 1275, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7172 North Tongass Highway, Ward Cove, Alaska, as the ‘Alice R. Brunsich Post Office Building’, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7926**

**Dorothy and Connie Hibbs Post Office Building:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 1323, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located on Lindbald Avenue, Girdwood, Alaska, as the “Dorothy and Connie Hibbs Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7926**

**Marine Debris Research Prevention and Reduction Act:** Senate passed S. 362, to establish a program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the United States Coast Guard to help identify, determine sources of, assess, reduce, and prevent marine debris and its adverse impacts on the marine environment and navigation safety, in coordination with non-Federal entities, after agreeing to the committee amendment, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

McConnell (for Stevens/Inouye) Amendment No. 1099, to make minor and technical changes in the bill as reported. **Pages S7926–29**

**National Ocean Exploration Program Act:** Senate passed S. 39, to establish a coordinated national ocean exploration program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

McConnell (for Stevens/Inouye) Amendment No. 1100, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7929–30**

**Tsunami Preparedness Act:** Senate passed S. 50, to authorize and strengthen the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's tsunami detection, forecast, warning, and mitigation program, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

McConnell (for Stevens/Inouye) Amendment No. 1101, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7930–36**

**Ocean and Coastal Observation System Act:** Senate passed S. 361, to develop and maintain an integrated system of ocean and coastal observations for the Nation's coasts, oceans and Great Lakes, improve warnings of tsunamis and other natural hazards, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

McConnell (for Stevens/Inouye) Amendment No. 1102, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7936–39**

McConnell (for Stevens/Inouye) Amendment No. 1103, to amend the title. **Pages S7936–39**

**Training for Realtime Writers Act:** Senate passed S. 268, to provide competitive grants for training court reporters and closed captioners to meet requirements for realtime writers under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Pages S7939–41**

**Minority Serving Institution Digital and Wireless Technology Opportunity Act:** Senate passed S. 432, to establish a digital and wireless network technology program. **Pages S7941–42**

**Honoring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 191, honoring Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, Sandra Day O'Connor. **Page S7943**

**Department of Homeland Security Appropriations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Monday, July 11, 2005, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 2360, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006; that the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute be agreed to and considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment; that all first-degree amendments be filed by 4 p.m. on Monday, July 11, 2005, with the exception of amendments proposed by the Leaders; further, that first-degree amendments be subject to relevant second-degree amendments; and that no points of order be waived by this agreement. **Pages S7924, S7943**

**Energy Policy Act—Conferees:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate insists on its amendment to H.R. 6, to ensure

jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy, requests a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair be authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Senators Domenici, Craig, Thomas, Alexander, Murkowski, Burr, Bingaman, Akaka, Dorgan, Wyden, and Johnson; and from the Committee on Finance: Senators Grassley, Hatch, and Baucus. **Page S7924**

**Make College Affordable Act—Referral:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of S. 759, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make higher education more affordable, and the bill then be referred to the Committee on Finance. **Page S7939**

**China Currency—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached to amend the order of April 7, 2005, with respect to S. 295, to authorize appropriate action in the negotiations with the People's Republic of China regarding China's undervalued currency are not successful, providing that the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader, shall, no later than the end of the first session of the 109th Congress, call up the bill; and that all other provisions of the order remain constant. **Pages S7942–43**

**Appointment of Senator Kyl—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the February 17, 2005 appointment of Senator Kyl as majority Co-chair of the Senate National Security Working Group of the 109th Congress, be vitiated with respect to his being Co-chair, but that he remain on the commission as a member. **Page S7943**

**Signing Authority—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during this adjournment of the Senate, the Majority Leader, the Majority Whip, and Senator Warner, be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S7943**

**Authorizing Leadership To Make Appointments—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Page S7943**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

James B. Letten, of Louisiana, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

Rod J. Rosenstein, of Maryland, to be United States Attorney for the District of Maryland for the term of four years.

Richard A. Raymond, of Nebraska, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety. (Prior to this action, the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry was discharged from further consideration).

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**Measures Referred:** **Page S7908**

**Measures Placed on Calendar:** **Page S7909**

**Measures Read First Time:** **Page S7909**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S7909–10**

#### Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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#### Additional Statements:

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#### Amendments Submitted:

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#### Notices of Hearings/Meetings:

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 198, adjourned at 2:39 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Monday, July 11, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S7943–44.)

### *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.